14th March 1961]

Ex-Servicemen's Co-operative Farming Society (Aranboly)

* 821 *Q*.—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) what action has been taken against the office bearers of the Ex-Servicemen's Co-operative Farming Society, Aranboly (Kanyakumari district), for the recovery of loans granted by the Government; and

(*b*) the amount of loan granted and the amount recovered so far?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) There is no Society by name Ex-Servicemen's Co-operative Farming Society at Aranboly in Kanyakumari district. If the hon. Member refers to the Weavers' Society of the same name, details will be furnished.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Nylon threads (Supply to fishermen)

* 822 *Q*.—SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI (on behalf of SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(i) the value of nylon threads supplied to fishermen;

(ii) the centres at which they are supplied; and

(iii) the basis on which they are supplied?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (i) Synthetic fish net twine valued at about Rs. 2.65 lakhs has been supplied to fishermen by the Fisheries Department during the years 1957–58, 1959–60 and up to 31st October 1960 in 1960–61.

(ii) The fishermen obtain their supply from the Fishermen Co-operative Societies and District Federations concerned or direct from the Department.

(iii) That usual subsidy of 33 1/3 per cent of the cost price is allowed on the value of the twine supplied to the Fishermen Co-operative Federations and Societies and groups of fisermen who have been supplied with mechanised boats by the Fisheries Department. The net cost of the material, i.e., the value of the twine sold at 66 2/3 per cent of the cost price, is recoverable in 18 monthly instalments spread over a period of two years, no recovery being effected for three months in a year during the off season.

Nylon threads (licences for import)

* 823 *Q*.—SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI (on behalf of SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of licences issued to fishermen during the past two years for importing nylon threads; and

(*b*) the number granted so far?